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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
AKITOSHI KIKUCHI )  
Application No.: 09/988,439 )  
Filed: November 20, 2001 )  
For: STEPPING MOTOR )  
CONTROLLING APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD, AND IMAGE )  
READING APPARATUS AND )  
METHOD )  
Examiner: Renata D. McCloud  
Group Art Unit: 2837  
July 2, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004 to July 2, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on July 2, 2004

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